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GOOSE SEASON TO CLOSE IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Shooting of Canada geese in Alexander, Jackson, Union, and Williamson Counties, Illinois, will be closed at 3 p.m. Monday, December 12.

Allan T. Studholme, Chief of Wildlife activities for the Minneapolis Regional Office of the Federal Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, said this closure is a joint action of the Illinois Department of Conservation and the Federal Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

The Illinois Department of Conservation order closes the season on all wild geese. Since waterfowl seasons for the rest of the State ended December 6, this action terminates the 1960 waterfowl hunting seasons in Illinois.

Studholme points out that Federal waterfowl hunting regulations this year include a provision that when 14,000 Canada geese are killed in these 4 counties, the season will be closed. This quota will be reached on or before 3 p.m. December 12.

The regulation was necessary to prevent an overharvest of geese from the Mississippi Valley flock. Last year, after several years of increase, this goose flock declined. Subsequently, the Mississippi Flyway Council, which represents all of the 14 States in the Mississippi Flyway, asked the Federal Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to limit the kill this fall in the vicinity of Horicon and Necedah National Wildlife Refuges in Wisconsin and Horseshoe Lake, Union County area, Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, and other concentration areas in southern Illinois to a total of 21,000 Canada geese. Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton approved the proposal.

The goose season was closed in the Wisconsin areas on October 16 after the agreed harvest of 7,000 had been reached.

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HUNTING OF CANADA GEESE
ALEXANDER, JACKSON, UNION AND WILLIAMSON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF CLOSING OF CANADA GOOSE SEASON

Pursuant to the regulations prescribed and published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of September 9, 1960 (25 F.R. 8717), which limit to 14,000 the number of Canada geese that may be killed in the counties of Alexander, Jackson, Union and Williamson, Illinois, it having been determined that on the basis of the daily kill which has occurred since the opening of the hunting season November 1, 1960, the permissive kill of 14,000 Canada geese will occur on or before 3:00 P.M., Monday, December 12, 1960, the hunting season on Canada geese will be closed effective at 3:00 P.M. December 12, 1960, and no Canada geese shall be killed in these four counties after 3:00 P.M. on said date.

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